Security Quickie 2

Good afternoon everyone. This week's topic is workstation security.

There is truly no faster way to get unauthorized access to systems than by simply walking up to someone's unlocked workstation. Point and click, and the bad guy is in. When you leave your workstation unlocked, anyone can use it and assume your network identity, gaining access to any applications or files you have access to. As every person is responsible for keeping his or her workstation secure, you should lock your workstation whenever you leave it, even if you will only be gone for a few minutes. Your workstation screensaver should also have it's password protection configured to begin after a short period of inactivity (15 minutes at most is recommended). Ask your support staff for assistance if you don't know how to lock your workstation or set the screensaver settings. Remember, an unlocked, unattended workstation is a serious security risk.

Going to a meeting? Lock your workstation. Going to get some coffee? Lock your workstation. Going to the restroom? Lock your workstation. It's very easy to get sidetracked and stay away from your desk longer than you anticipate, so its best just to keep your workstation secure whenever you leave it.